

seven, eight years, Senator Will, here is the concept and here is how it goes. If you have a product that is manufactured, and after a period of time, in Nebraska ten years, you cannot bring suit against that for a product's liability theory. Basically, to put it in simple terms, a little more complex than that, but, basically, to try to distill it down for you as far as we can, this is the protection, this is the law that's in place for products that have been manufactured more than ten years or assembled more than ten years in the State of Nebraska. The argument that you are going to hear on the side is that it is so unfair. Somebody could have their tractor damage them, there could be a flywheel come off, there could be all sorts of problems with your...any product that we've got, and how in the world can the Legislature and the State of Nebraska deny you recovery. Well, the theory behind that is that if it is ten-years old many things have changed, and you will have a significant change in the landscape of liability and of insurance, and, quite frankly, everything is germane in a committee amendment that comes out of the committee, but it is real hard for the committee, I think with a straight face, to say that the statute of repose, the general repeal of the statute of repose, in this case, is germane to the bill at all, but I can't raise that procedurally. So the best thing I can do is to file an amendment and try to focus this. If you are a supporter and want to do something with high-level waste, the best thing you can do is take the statute of repose out, discuss the merits of the bill, either up or down. But to become mired in a debate on the statute of repose at this point in time really does not help anything in this case. It is a very difficult subject. If we want to, we can debate the merits even further, but let me talk to you a little bit about why you have a statute of repose. You have a statute of repose because a lot of things do change over a period of years. We are talking about that during that period of ten years that nothing else has gone wrong, but that after a period of ten years, technology has changed, time has changed, the way you put a product together, the way you inform, the way you have a variety of things that go into the manufacture of that product. Those have all changed, but the lawsuit may get filed decades later. Technology certainly has changed. We do things today much differently than we did 15 or 20 years ago with the assembly of products, warning labels. Also during that period of time, you have the wear and tear issues. The one year that I was describing statute of repose, it was, well, it is where Senator Wehrbein is sitting today, Senator Barrett was sitting there, and we used his chair